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To our eighth grade graduating class and Happy Summer to all our TFS students.

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This Weekend!



❖ JOIN OUR TEAM

Altar Server

→ Training

Sunday, May 31st at 1pm
in the Church

Altar Server Training is available for Rising 5th graders through High School, who have received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Shannon.Hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org

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Parochial Vicar



Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM
Parochial Vicar



Stephen Andrews
Deacon In Residence

May 31 | Altar Server Training 1:00-2:00pm
is available for Rising 5th graders through High School, who have received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
Contact shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 7 | Baccalaureate Mass
11:30am-12:30pm - Sunday June 7th. 11:45am Mass.
All graduates from high school, college, and graduate school welcome. Meet in the gathering space to join the procession wearing your cap and gown. Contact tim.hetzel@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 7 | Interfaith United for Immigrants
3:00-5:00pm. Join people of many faiths at Edenton United Methodist Church to affirm the dignity of our immigrant neighbors - welcoming, protecting and standing with them. Through song, Word, learning and witness, we turn respect into action. All are welcome. No registration needed. Information: <https://wakeinterfaithimmigration.org/>.
Contact maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 9 | EM New and Refresher Training 6:30-8:00pm. Training for parishioners who desire to become a Eucharistic Minister and a refresher for existing EMs! Must be 16 years of age and confirmed.
[Click here to register](#). Contact john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 11 | End of School year Music Concert 6:30pm-8:00pm in the Church. Join Jim Wahl and the choir for a fun end-of-school-year music concert in the church as we celebrate the beginning of summer together! Enjoy an evening of uplifting music, community, and joy as we welcome the summer season. All are invited to attend this special evening of music and celebration.

June 12-14 | Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat
If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat in the Raleigh area. It is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. For more information or to register contact Project Rachel at: project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The website is: rachel-nc.org Cost is \$350 for lodging, meals, and all retreat materials. Discount of \$50 if you register before May, 12. Spanish and English speakers are welcome. If there is a financial burden, assistance is always available.

June 13-14 | Celebrating Fr. Joseph | Fellowship Hall
Join us as we gather to thank Fr. Joseph for his years of faithful service and to wish him well on his next chapter as the Assistant to the Bishop for Liturgy. We will deeply miss his presence, leadership, and pastoral care.

Reception Times:

- Saturday, June 13: After the 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, June 14: After the 7:15am Mass
- Sunday, June 14: Between the 9:00am & 11:45am Masses
(No reception after the 11:45am Mass.)

Beginning June 1, a message book will be available on the large oak table for parishioners to share their thanks, prayers, and personal notes to Fr. Joseph. All are welcome !

Volunteers Needed:

If you would like to volunteer to bring food [please sign up here](#)
If you would like to volunteer with hospitality [please sign up here](#)

June 13 | CORRAL Riding Academy 9:30am-12:00pm
A faith-motivated nonprofit that serves adolescent girls in high-risk situations through a long-term, holistic program of equine therapy and education. Join us as we do hands-on projects to support the NEUSE RIVER (Raleigh) campus and learn more about CORRAL's mission and programs! Families welcome! [Click here](#). Contact Donna Schwede Donna.schwede@gmail.com.

June 13 | Guns to Gardens event 11:00am-4:00pm
We are co-sponsoring an event for safe gun disposal at Umstead Park United Church of Christ at 8208 Brownleigh Dr in Raleigh. Free, safe, & anonymous. Arrive with unloaded guns stored in trunk or back of vehicle, and forge into garden tools. Vigil of Remembrance at 4:00 pm. Contact Mary Ellen McGuire maryellen.mcguire@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 18 Affordable Housing Listening Session
7:00pm. What are your experiences with affordable housing for yourself or others? Let us know what is important to you and learn how to make a difference in our community. Contact [Nancy Dilger](#).

Camp Francis Counselors in Training
June 15-19, June 22-26, July 6-10, July 13-17, July 20-24
An opportunity for teens (rising 9th-12th grade) interested in developing leadership skills and working with children. They will work with other C.I.T.s and Camp Staff. They are to look at themselves as role models for the campers they will be working with. For information and to apply Contact Ashley Watson, Ashley.Watson@stfrancisraleigh.org.

June 24 | Online Prayer for Compassionate Leaders
7:00-8:00pm. We will pray for our leaders to encounter God and lift up our collected prayer intentions. Our leaders are human and they need our help. Submit your prayer intentions for leaders to encourage compassionate leadership and join us in prayer! We are God's coworkers. More information <https://this-is-who-we-are.org/events/>.
Contact casey.slock@stfrancisraleigh.org.

August 14-16 | Single, Single Again Retreat
6:00-12:00pm. Come enjoy a beach weekend of spiritual enrichment, friendship and relaxation. Our theme is "Ebb and Flow: From Challenges to Change". Location is the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores.
Contact GingerlaBelle@gmail.com. [Click here for flyer](#).
[Click here for the registration form](#).

The St Francis Inn Philadelphia Ministry trips for 2026
Oct 19 - 23 -Open- Join a delegation to serve the Kensington community of Philadelphia, providing aid in the form of food, clothing, and so much more to anyone in need. Contact Diana Melo, Melo.diana@gmail.com.

Catholic Parish Outreach Donation Bins
As a reminder, CPO donation bins are permanently located in Clare Hall to receive nonperishable food and gently used young children's clothing (sizes Newborn to 6T/6X), children's shoes (up to size 12), children's books, and maternity clothing. They are currently in need of newborn-6T clothing. Contact Person Nora Dettlerline, nedett@gmail.com.

Scam Alert - Fr. Chris, and those on the SFA staff, **NEVER** request, money, favors, cell phone numbers, etc. via email. Always check the sender's email address to verify that the domain name appears after our name exactly like this (stfrancisraleigh.org).

INTERFAITH UNITED **FOR** IMMIGRANTS

A WAKE INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION EVENT

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

at Edenton Street United Methodist Church
228 West Edenton Street Raleigh, NC 27603



**RESPECT FOR IMMIGRANTS
BRINGS US TOGETHER**

Join people of many faiths to affirm the dignity of our immigrant neighbors – welcoming, protecting and standing with them. Through song, Word, learning and witness, we turn respect into action.

Light overcomes darkness
Dignity over fear



wakeinterfaithimmigration.org

All are welcome. No registration required.

2026

ALL GRADUATES FROM
HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE,
AND GRADUATE SCHOOL
WELCOME.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
11:45 AM MASS

MEET IN THE GATHERING SPACE
TO JOIN THE PROCESSION
WEARING YOUR CAP AND GOWN



Celebrating FATHER JOSEPH

Join us as we gather to thank Fr. Joseph for his years of faithful service and to wish him well on his next chapter
Saturday, June 13 at 6:30pm
and **Sunday, June 14 at 8:15am and 10am-11:30am.**

Please sign up to bring food and volunteer.



TFS CONGRATULATIONS!
Class of 2026

Milestone Moments for TFS 8th Graders

Eighth grade at TFS is marked by meaningful traditions, such as Prayer Buddies, completing a capstone project, attending a special Mass with the Bishop, and enjoying privileges like outdoor lunch. May is a month filled with milestones. Some of the most significant ones for our 8th graders are the Washington, D.C. trip and graduation. Graduation marks the end of their time at TFS and in middle school, paving the way for them to fly their wings in high school. We get the chance to celebrate this special group of students and empower them to go out and change the world.

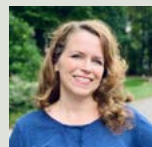
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Medical Presence & Safety At Mass

Bill Logallo, coordinator of the 'Medical Presence and Safety at Mass ministry', says, "The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi is well known in the local community as being a place open to all, as emphasized through its pastoral care ministries. The 'Medical Presence and Safety at Mass' ministry strives to respond to any issue with compassion through de-escalation, when necessary, mental health awareness, and seeing every person with inherent dignity."

[More](#)



Are you New to St. Francis? We warmly welcome you to our community! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about how to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out to [Stacey Shine](#). We look forward to connecting with you and helping you feel right at home.

Employment Opportunities:

- Principal, The Franciscan School Full Time
- Math Teacher, Grade 6, Full-time, 40 hours
- Instructional Teaching Assistant, Full-time, 40 hours
- Facility Maintenance Technician – Full Time (40 hours – some nights and weekends may be required)
- Preschool Teacher Assistant – Part Time, (days and hours vary)

See more details here: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/jobs/>.

Wondering about Spiritual Direction?

Spiritual direction supports you while deepening your life with Christ. Our SFA directors will listen, hold your story, encourage, and help you find God in your daily life. Click here to learn how this accompaniment may be what you've been looking for! t [Click here to learn more](#). or email Nancy at prayerfulheart3@gmail.com

Funeral Notifications

Would you like to be notified by email of upcoming funerals at St. Francis, as they are scheduled? If so, please contact Joan Port at joank-port@gmail.com and include "Funeral Notices" in the subject line.

Feed the Need The Caring Cuisine fridge is nearly empty and desperately in need of side dishes, (rice, potato, vegetable) and main dishes (meatloaf, soups, pastas) gluten free options are particularly needed. For more info on Feed the Need and Caring Casseroles links below.

Feed the Need

https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=8135

Caring Cuisine

<https://stfrancisraleigh.galaxydigital.com/ministries/caring-casseroles/>

Contact Celesta Carlson, feedtheneedsfa@gmail.com.

Always remember your reusable bag.
Only 5% of plastic bags get recycled.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PK-12 FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREP 2026-2027



REGISTRATION VIA REALM
IS NOW OPEN!



St. Francis Jubilee

Welcome to a sacred year of reflection, renewal, and joyful celebration as we honor the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi. Rooted in the spirit of humility, peace, and deep reverence for all creation, this Jubilee invites our community to rediscover the timeless wisdom of St. Francis and live more intentionally in harmony with God, one another, and the world around us.

Throughout this year, we will come together as a community in prayer, service, and celebration, embracing the Franciscan call to simplicity, compassion, and care for all living things.

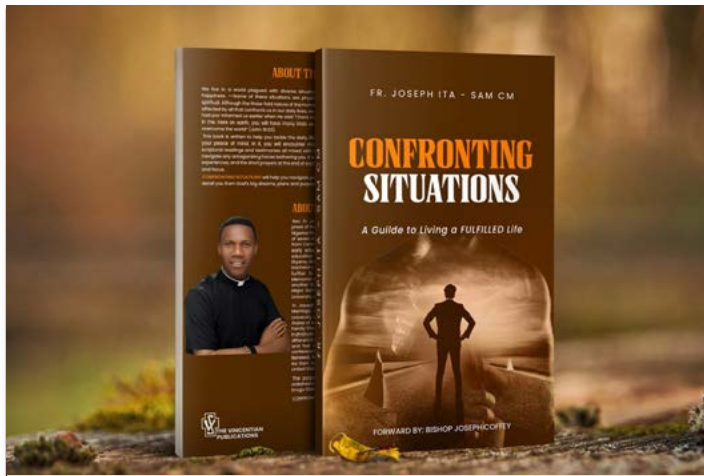
Information & Events

Church Keeping

We are currently looking for volunteers to help wash and iron linens.

Volunteer times for Church Keeping can be adapted to fit in your schedule.

For more information please contact:
Shannon.hoffman@stfrancisraleigh.org



Get Your Signed Copy of Confronting Situations by Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam

Purchase a copy of Fr. Joseph's book **Confronting Situations** and have it personally signed by him. Discover hope and encouragement through inspiring stories, scripture, and prayer. Each chapter combines inspiration with practical therapeutic approaches, including short prayers for solace. **Books are \$20 each.** Payment may be made by cash or check.

Make checks payable to **Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam** and [fill out this form](#). They will be available to pick up at his reception on June 13-14.

Pope Leo XIV's New Encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas



Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity) is Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical. All Catholics and people of good will are invited to join Pope Leo in discerning together the profound impacts of technological advancement and how to always place human dignity at the center of any new technology.

Learn more here

Eucharistic Minister Training (For New Candidates or as a Refresher)

Tuesday, June 9th, 6:30pm-7:45pm

Training will take place in the church. Please sign up to attend on Realm.

Sign up on Realm or for more information.

Contact: John.Hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org



CAMP FRANCIS

Join us for an unforgettable summer where friendships bloom, laughter echoes, and memories are made.

Camps Offered the weeks of:

- June 15-19
- June 22-26
- July 6-10
- July 13-17
- July 20-24

For more Information & to Register: <https://www.stfrancisraleigh.org/camp-francis/>



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TFS Kindergarten Admissions-Spots Available



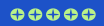
We invite all parish families to apply for the 26/27 school year. Please visit franciscanschool.org to begin an application. Contact Colette Dziadul, Colette.Dziadul@stfrancisraleigh.org.

Memorial Day Celebration Highlights



PROJECTION MINISTERS NEEDED

We need help at all Masses with projecting slide on the screens and monitors. Anyone high school age or older is eligible for weekend masses.
TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.



CONTACT: john.hajdin@stfrancisraleigh.org

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